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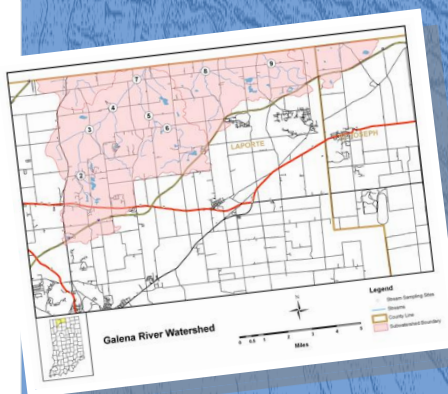
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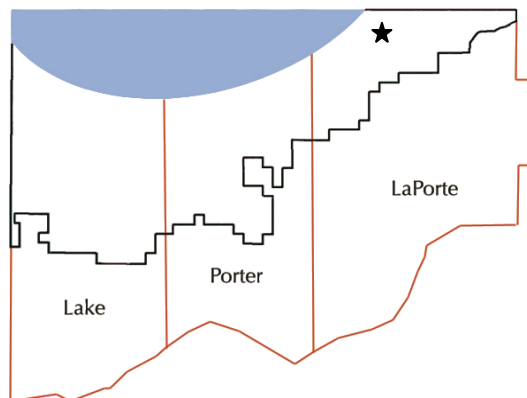


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## Galena River Water Study

The LaPorte County SWCD was awarded a DNR Lake and River Enhancement Program (LARE) grant to conduct a watershed diagnostic study and to develop a watershed management plan for the Galena River. The development of the Galena River Watershed Management Plan was a unique partnership between the LaPorte County SWCD, IDEM, and LMCP. To assist the LaPorte County SWCD, IDEM committed to fast-track the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study for the Galena River watershed. The Galena River was listed for E. coli on the Indiana 303(d) list of impaired waterways. Typically the development of a TMDL only requires that the parameter for which the impairment exists be studied. However, IDEM was also committed to collecting and analyzing all water chemistry parameters required by the LARE scope of services to assist the LaPorte County SWCD in the development of the watershed management plan. This resulted in a substantial cost savings to the LaPorte County SWCD. The LaPorte County SWCD requested LMCP funds to purchase E. coli testing supplies that would be used by IDEM assessment staff for this study.



**RESULT:** Purchased E. coli testing supplies.